



Loudoun News

Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Friends:

A recent letter from the Commonwealth of Virginia has informed Counties that the State's fiscal condition has worsened and the State is facing an additional \$1.5 billion deficit. While Loudoun is fortunate to be on sound financial footing, it appears that the State will be taking actions that will cut the amount of aid that we receive for historically state funded and/or state mandated programs thereby pushing the problem onto localities throughout the state.

One thing is clear to me -- Loudoun residents already send enough money to Richmond. For the County to be expected to make up the shortfall due to the fiscal mismanagement at the State level is just plain wrong and bad policy. I will continue to keep you updated on this matter.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.

Scott K. York
Chairman

No Local Tax Dollars to Pay For State Cuts

Chairman Scott K. York (R-At Large) has submitted a resolution to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at its October 7th meeting setting down policy that Loudoun County taxpayers will not supplement anticipated cuts in historically state funded and/or state mandated programs.

"Leaders in Richmond have indicated that local taxpayers and governments will feel the pain of a new round of State budget cuts," said Chairman York. "This resolution makes it abundantly clear that while the State may be abdicating its responsibilities, local taxpayers will not be forced to make up those shortfalls."

Loudoun County residents are estimated to send \$550 million to Richmond in State

income tax dollars for 2003, but see a return of only 18 cents on the dollar in terms of State Aid. In 1993, the return was 33 cents on the dollar. If Loudoun taxpayers received the same return as 1993 that would mean \$78 million in additional State Aid to pay for voter approved new schools, public safety and tax relief. During the 2000-2003 time frame Loudoun County will have opened 16 new voter approved schools.

"The State has squandered a tremendous surplus and is trying to push this burden onto the backs of local taxpayers. I will fight this from occurring and urge our representatives in Richmond to fight for meaningful tax reform that will bring more of our tax dollars home to Loudoun's residents," concluded Chairman York.

Workshop for Job Seekers 55 and Over is Scheduled for October 5

Older job seekers are invited to attend a free “55 Plus Job Seeker Workshop” on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 20160 Whitfield Place in Sterling.

Experts will be on hand to provide information and tips on a variety of subjects, including career switching, interviewing, job search techniques, resume writing, returning to work, transferring skills from one field to another, and working part time.

Figures from the U.S. Labor Department indicate that older Americans are working in greater numbers than ever before and experts predict the trend will continue as the population ages.

“Older workers are one of the fastest growing segments of the work force and we want to help them open the door to successful job searching,” said Helen Eltzeroth of the Area Agency on Aging, which is coordinating the workshop. “The workshop is intended to respond to issues for people 55 and older who have been subject to downsizing, who are returning to the job market, and those who are seeking part-time, full-time, or flexible-hour employment.” To register, participants may call the Area Agency on Aging at 703-777-0257.

The workshop is sponsored by a consortium of Loudoun County and Virginia state agencies and is being coordinated through the Area Agency on Aging.

Loudoun County Small Business Development Center Free Seminars

The Loudoun County Small Business Development Center is offering a number of free seminars in October. **Pre-registration is required to attend the seminar.** Please call Natasha Shovar at 703-430-7222 or email at sbdc@loudounsbdc.org.

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Responding to Gov't RFPs	October 3, 2002 11am to 1:30pm Brown Bag Lunch Event	Rust Library Leesburg	NONE
Start Your Own Business	October 10, 2002 11am to 1:30pm Brown Bag Lunch Event	Rust Library Leesburg	NONE
Bookkeeping & Taxation for Home-based Businesses	October 11, 2002 11am to 1:30pm Brown Bag Lunch Event	Eastern Loudoun Regional Library	NONE
Start Your Own Business	October 23, 2002 6 to 8:30pm	Eastern Loudoun Regional Library	NONE